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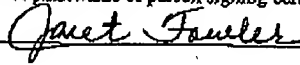
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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : William D. Huse )  
Serial No. : 09/982464 )  
Filed : October 18, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 1642  
For : Methods of Optimizing Antibody )  
Variable Region Binding Affinity ) Examiner: Larry Ronald Helms  
Docket No. : X-16755A )

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER C.F.R. 1.114 and REPLY**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed 25-FEB-2005, in connection with the above-mentioned application, Applicants herewith submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and presently request a three-month extension of time under Rule 1.136(a)(3). Applicants request examination and consideration of the application in view of the following comments.

Amendments to Claims to claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 13.